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Office Action Summary

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09/924,163

Applicant(s)

LARSON ET AL.

Examiner

Tim T. Vo

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

This application has been examined. Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

1. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 12-15 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § **102(e)** as being anticipated by Chen et al. patent number 6,591,324 referred hereinafter "Chen".

2. As for claims 1, 8, 14, Chen teaches a server system comprising:

a plurality of printed circuit assemblies including at least one host processor card (see figure 2, plurality of printed circuit cards 104, first host processor card 105); a management card coupled to the plurality of printed circuit assemblies (see figure 2, second processor card 105), the management card dedicated to monitoring and managing operation of the server system (see column 4 lines 54-56, wherein the second processor card monitors the health of the first processor card 105 and if the first processor card 105 fails thereby can't manage operation of the server system the

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second processor 105 will take over the control and continue operation on the server as disclose in column 4 lines 57-68), including monitoring and managing on-line insertion and removing of the printed circuit assemblies (see figure 2 second processor card 105, and column 3 lines 24-67, wherein each processor card 105 has the same functions to support the hot plugging task, for example, each of the processor card 105 has the power switching circuitry 122, signal switching circuitry 128 to be able to support hot plugging features such as monitoring cards 104 signal and would be able to control power of each cards 104).

3. As for claims 2, 9 and 15, Chen teaches the management card includes a management processor and a LAN switch, the LAN switch coupled to management connections of the at least one host processor card, and management connections of the management processor (see figure 2, second processor card 105 and column 4 lines 30-38 and column 3 lines 45-55, wherein the second processor 105 has the power switching 122, signal switching circuitry 128 to control networking (LAN) connection).

As for claim 3, Chen teaches a backplane for connecting the plurality of printed circuit assemblies to the management card (see figure 2, backplane 102 and column 3 lines 30-33).

4. As for claims 6-7, 12-13 and 18-19, Chen teaches providing status information on the management card (see column 4 lines 50-56).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 4, 10 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen.

6. As for claims 4, 10 and 16, Chen does not expressly teach I2C bus. "Official Notice" is taken that both concept and the advantages for utilizing I2C bus in the computer system is well known and expected in the art. It would have been obvious to utilize the I2C in Chen's system to connect integrated circuits for communication because the I2C is simple and efficient means of data exchange between devices.

7. Claims 5, 11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Bassman et al. patent number 6,295,567 referred hereinafter "Bassman".

8. As for claims 5, 11 and 17, Chen does not expressly teach cooling fan, temperature sensor and controlling the fan speed. However, Bassman teaches such features cooling fan, temperature sensor and controlling fan speed (see column 8 lines 35-61). It would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Bassman into the teachings of Chen because

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Bassman providing system detection from overheating, thereby preventing parts damage from overheating.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim T. Vo whose telephone number is 703-308-5862. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on 703-305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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